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Bridge weight limits impact fire response

Don Howard
Staff Writer

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Earlier this month citing safety concerns, officials from the Wayne County Road Commission and Wayne County Parks abruptly ordered three Hines Parkway bridges closed. Two of the closed bridges are located in Plymouth Township and the bridge at Hines Parkway is the main emergency route for the township fire department from Station One.

At the time of the closure, in a bulletin addressed to Tupac Hunter, Wayne County chief of external affairs, Wayne County Public Services executive Bernard Parker stated that Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) inspection report stressed the closure of the two bridges "due to shear cracks at the concrete corbel members which support the middle concrete slab."

"The warning signs are already there" the report read.

Twenty days later, without explanation, after 'road closed' signs were posted at the Haggerty and Wilcox intersections, Parker, in an email, advised Plymouth Township officials that the Parkway drive had been re-opened.

"After completing a detailed inspection, the weight restrictions for three Hines Drive bridges have been updated and the bridges will be open…" read the press release.

However, the county imposed a new 3-ton vehicle weight restriction that will force township fire and emergency vehicles to take a time-consuming detour through a residential area. An average car weighs 3 tons, an average large pick-up truck or SUV, unloaded, weighs 5.4 tons, according to manufacturer's statistics.

Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips said the new weight restrictions would hamper the response time for residents in the northeastern part of the township, including Lake Pointe subdivision. Phillips said the department has had a years-long established detour through Hines Park because of the probability of trains blocking the crossing at Haggerty Road.

"There's no doubt the bridge detour is adding to our response time. ," Phillips said.

Questions to Parker last week about the MDOT inspection findings and the safety of bridges superstructure were deferred to Wayne County Communications Director

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Acting out

Young environmentalist continues efforts, education

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Environmental activist and Plymouth native Madison Vorva found her life's work very early in life. She also found the frustration many young people experience.

"When you're 11-years-old, not many people take you seriously," she told a Plymouth Noon Rotary audience April 27. "I was very lucky to have teachers and parents ... who took me seriously."

Vorva, who achieved national attention for her environmental activism when she was a pre-teen Girl Scout, is continuing her efforts to protect the rain forests and the global environment, particularly from deforestation harvesting of products like palm oil.

Vorva, now 22, and a recent Pomona College graduate in environmental studies, told Rotarians and their guests during the Friday meeting that palm oil harvesting is linked to child labor, slave labor, and land grab conflicts. The land conflicts particularly impact women in other countries negatively, she said, as many women lack land ownership rights.

Her initial ecological efforts were prompted, she said, by a film she saw at the Henry Ford museum while she was a first-grade student about Dr. Jane Goodall, who became one of her role models and heroes.

As a Girl Scout, Vorva studied orangutans, including those from Indonesia and Malaysia. Teachers at New Morning School of Plymouth Township and her Scout leaders encouraged her to do research and speak up.

Vorva discovered that the Girl Scout cookies sold at that time used palm oil that wasn't harvested from sustainable plantations as an ingredient. She started a letter-writing campaign, including one sent to the chief of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. in New York City.

The form-letter response she received from New York didn't deter her, she said, and she did more research and continued her written campaign.

Environmental activist Madison Vorva speaks to the Plymouth Rotary Club members. Photo by Dave Willett

Goodall, who also received a letter from the young Girl Scout, declined to sign a petition but advised Vorva to learn more. Goodall, now 84, pressed Vorva to dig deeper on the issue and continue to pursue her goals.

Vorva realized she needed to work with businesses and advocacy groups to bring about change. She had started work on her Girl Scout Bronze award, and in 2011 Vorva garnered the Forest Hero award from the United Nations. As a sixth grader, Rhiannon Tomtishen joined Vorva on her project to eliminate palm oil use in Girl Scout Cookies.

Their efforts were eventually successful and were featured in People magazine and The Wall Street Journal.

She's proud that she and others have helped bring companies such as Kellogg's of Battle Creek, Wilmar and Cargill to adopt deforestation-

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5 file in race to become state representative

Four Democrats and a lone Republican hope to become the state representative from the 16th state district which includes all of Wayne and part of Westland.

Current State Rep. Robert Kosowski is term limited leaving his seat without an incumbent. He is seeking election as the state senator from the 6th District which includes Westland, Belleville, Romulus, a Buren Townshp and several Downriver communities. The four Democrat hopefuls are Jacob Johnson of Wayne and Kevin Coleman, Bill Johnson and Mike McDermott, all of Westland. The lone Republican candidate is Jodi Rice-White, also of Westland.

Voters will eliminate three of the Democratic candidates during the Aug. 7 primary election. The top vote getting Democrat will face Rice-White in the general election Nov. 6.

Coleman, 34, is a former Westland City Council member who challenged incumbent William R. Wild during the last mayoral election. Bill Johnson is a long-time and current member of the Westland council while McDermott and Jacob Johnson are first-time candidates.

Rice-White has previously unsuccessfully sought public office as a member of the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education and the office of Westland City Clerk.

Apartment blaze claims lives of 2, injures 8

Two people died and eight others were injured in a fire at the Woodland Villa Apartment complex Saturday night.

Fire and police responded to the fire at the three-story complex at about 11 p.m. April 26. Officials said preliminary investigations indicated that the fire started when a second-floor tenant fell asleep after using his stove. He woke to find his kitchen on fire and fled his apartment sustaining second and third-degree burns.

The fire spread to the third floor unit above where firefighters discovered the bodies of Ben Kelley, 27 and Lisa Back, 21, in the rubble left in the structure after the roof collapsed.

The engaged couple were to be married in October, according to witnesses.

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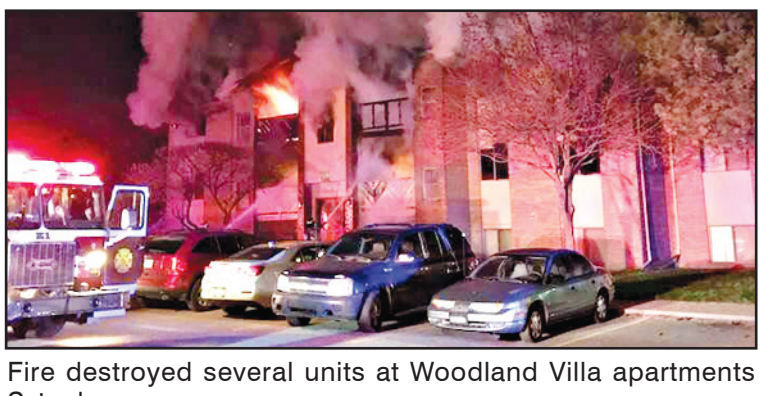

Fire destroyed several units at Woodland Villa apartments Saturday. Photo by Becky Wilson-Reed

Inkster - Northville - Romulus

Going to court

Construction for the new 34th District Court building is officially under way. Members of the Romulus City Council joined the judicial staff to break ground on the $17 million project last Monday. Romulus City Councilman William Wadsworth, left, Robert McCraight, director of Public Services for the city; Mayor Pro Tem John Barden, Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, Magistrate Al Hindman, Judge Tina Brooks Green, Judge David Parrott and Judge Brian Oakley participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new 34th District Court building in Romulus. “We were committed to keeping the court here in Romulus,” said Burcroff. The new court will be a 45,000-square-foot facility with enhanced security features that the old building did not have. The city sold $17 million in bonds for the project, and those bonds will be repaid by the court through the fees it collects for services. The project will include dismantling the Veteran's Memorial Wall and rebuilding it after the court construction is complete.

Early organized crime to be lecture topic

The Northville Historical Society will host a program about Early Organized Crime in Detroit this month.

The speaker will be Professor James Buccellato who spent several years researching his book about the rise of organized crime in Detroit.

Though detectives denied it, the Italian mafia was operating in Detroit as early as 1900, according to Buccellato. The city was forever changed when bootleggers controlled the Detroit River and created a national distribution network for illegal liquor during Prohibition. Gangsters, police and celebrities fell victim to the violence that accompanied the climate of crime, according to Buccellato.

Buccellato, a faculty member in the department of criminology and criminal justice at Northern Arizona University, will discuss the history of crime in the area. He taught in the Irvin D. Reid Honors College at Wayne State University in Detroit for several years. His work centers on the politics of crime and has appeared in peer-reviewed journals, crime anthologies and national news websites.

His book, Early Organized Crime in Detroit: Vice, Corruption and the Rise of the Mafia, was released in late 2015. The book explores the struggle in Detroit with gang violence, public corruption and the politics of vice during the first half of the 20th century and includes rarely published images from the era.

The program will take place at 7 p.m. May 15 at the New School Church at Mill Race Historical Village, 215 Griswold St., Northville.

The program is free although donations are accepted at the door to help defray costs.

Inkster legislator speaks to youth group

State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) took part in Youth Government Day in Springfield, Ill., recently, an event intended to inspire high school and community college students in Illinois to consider pursuing careers in government and public service. Jones was joined by legislators, judges, lobbyists, journalists, policy makers and other government officials from around the nation who came together to inspire and mentor young people.

“It's great to see so many young people interested in giving back to their communities by pursuing a career in public service,” Jones said. “Serving my neighbors is a meaningful and fulfilling experience, and I hope that many of the students I met this weekend will decide to dedicate their lives to serving others, whether through working in government, as a first responder or in some other way.”

The Youth Government Day is an annual program through Southern Illinois University Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at the Illinois state capitol. Previous program speakers have included former President Barack Obama and U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-Illinois).

“I'm thankful to have been asked to participate in Youth Government Day. It wasn't long ago that I was a student, too, and still deciding which direction to take my life,” Jones said. “I'm grateful for the guidance and mentoring that was offered to me, and if I can offer the same to young people coming up now, it is an honor to do so.”

CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Highway Maintenance & Construction
12101 Wahrman

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **Monday, May 21, 2018** for Highway Maintenance & Construction for the purpose of considering the following:

1. SLU-2018-002, Highway Maintenance & Construction, a proposed special land use for a construction contractor's establishment in the M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District. The property is located at 12101 Wahrman (Parcel ID# 80-080-99-0020-000).

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – April 21, 2018

A special study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Meier Staff Absent: Director Hohenberger, Director Trumbull Guest Present: James Kosteva – Chairman – Roads Task Force **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION: TOPIC 1: Continue Discussion of Roads Task Force Presentation** Director Faas gave an overview of what was presented at the Study Session on April 17, 2018. He reviewed the projected cost (just over $4.4 million/year) of setting up a Roads Division if Canton Township became a city explaining the figures excludes overhead (higher level management), building utilities, and any other capital improvements. It does not include any heavy duty fixes on the roads. Regarding PA51 funds/revenue, Director Faas presented an analysis of how the expenses would most likely be allocated if Canton was a city. Director Faas presented spreadsheets with calculation comparisons analyzing city vs township scenarios. Director Faas presented a map of potential roads Canton would have jurisdiction over if it were a city. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** (27 Residents were in attendance) Tony Gramer, 186 Scarlet Drive, commented on contractor accountability for the materials used as well as the expected life of the pavement. Gary Hotycki, 47596 Ten Point Drive, commented on a statement made by Mayor Wilde of Westland regarding how difficult it is for cities to obtain funds from the state. Harjot Singh, 2449 E. Woodmont Drive, asked if the contractors be responsible for the quality of materials used for road repairs/construction. If Canton has control of the roads will they be able to set weight limits? Will a millage be temporary? Gary Smith, 43697 Swanmere Drive, commented on how the material content of pavement has changed throughout the years. Ron Letourneau, 6473 Marshall, (Task Force member) commended the board for setting up the Roads Task Force. Would like to explore becoming a city further. Darian Moore, 4022 Bruton, (Task Force member) supported the comments of Mr. Letourneau on investigating becoming a city. Charles Miller, 47074 Glastonbury, asked what guarantees we would have regarding getting all the PA51 money. He is against Canton becoming a city. Marc Rankin, 302 Savannah Drive, member of Savannah Point Association board with private roads. It is difficult to get a majority of the homeowners to vote to pay for road replacement/repairs. He is encouraged by the proposition of the township getting involved in roads. Mike Andro, 47937 Royal Pointe Drive, thanked the board for this initiative. He would rather have the primary roads fixed first, before we take on fixing the subdivision roads. These are the most serious roads. **TOPCI 2: Reach Consensus of Roads Plan** Director Faas gave a general overview of how investments in projects could be handled. State Roads, County Primary Roads, and Local Roads funding were all addressed. Information was given as to various millage rates and how funds could potentially be handled. Director Faas presented spreadsheets with comparisons regarding these matters. He included subdivision resident participation in projects as well. Regarding the Task Force's recommendations: Investments would be made in maintenance, rehabilitation, and repair projects balanced amongst 3 different categories of assets – State Roads, County Primary Roads, and Local Subdivision Roads. Funding for this would be derived from a dedicated Roads Millage to be levied over a 10 year period should the voters agree to do so at an upcoming election. There would be a provision for the property owners in subdivisions that participated in the 2016 County Road Assistance Program where repairs have already been made to their neighborhood subdivision roads and the one remaining subdivision that has a SAD – Lexington Square for preventative maintenance as well as any additional repairs needed to their streets. Address the desire to dedicate some of the monies for improvements to Ford Road. Address the need to have a mix of projects: small, medium, and large scale projects. Supervisor Williams summed up the session with several decisions to be made. Do they want a millage, How large would the millage be, How would the monies be directed Faas presented a spreadsheet with examples of what a 1.45 millage would cost the taxpayers. Copies of the presentations from this meeting as well as the PowerPoint from the April 17, 2018 meeting are available through the Clerk's Office by contacting the secretary during regular business hours:8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday 734-394-5120. The board will work to compile a Request for Board Action for the next meeting with a consensus of how they would like to proceed. **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 12:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. _____**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** _____**Pat Williams, Supervisor**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394- 5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 2018
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**.
18-124 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 2, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**.
3. Petitioner: None.
4. Chairperson's Report:
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
18-125 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-23 to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Signature Ford, for the purchase of two (2) 2018 Police Interceptors and the extended warranties for the Romulus Police Department in the amount of $65,730.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**.
18-126 5B. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-28 to the lowest, responsive, and most responsible bidder, Applied Concepts, Inc. (dba Stalker Radar), for the purchase of six (6) radar units for the City of Romulus Police Department in the amount of $6,702.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**.
18-127 5C. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Williams** to concur with the administration and award Bid 17/18-30 to the lowest, responsive, and most responsible bidder, Wm. A. Pritula and Sons, LLC, and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a two-year contract for grass and weed cutting for the City of Romulus Ordinance Department. Contract shall terminate upon the successful completion of the 2020 weed cutting season. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**.
18-128 5D. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Williams** to concur with the administration and award Bid 17/18-41 to the only bidder, Motor City Harley Davidson, for the purchase of one traffic motorcycle for the City of Romulus Police Department in the amount of $19,125.84.
18-129 5E. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe,** to concur with the administration and authorize the purchase of BS&A Primary Residence Exemption Audit Software, install, and all needed training at a total cost of 3,745.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**.
18-130 5F. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into Contract Modification Number 3 for the Vining and Ecorse Roads Construction Project with Dan's Excavating in the amount of $65,905.26. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**.
18-131 5G. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement to upgrade the City of Romulus Cityworks software application to Cityworks Online and upgrade the GIS software to ArcGIS Online. There will be a one-time cost of $17,280 for Ritter GIS to implement and train staff on Cityworks Online and a $28,750 fee annually for the support and maintenance of Cityworks Online. There will be no additional costs to ArcGIS Online. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**.
18-132 5H. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 17/18-31 for additional funds needed to purchase the VXRail (virtualization) infrastructure system that will streamline IT operations and lower capital and operational costs.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Technology Services Fund				
Expenditures				
664-228-970.138	Technology Capital Outlay	83,000	151,792	234,792
Fund Balance				
664-000-395.000	Technology Svcs Retained Earnings	675,795	(151,792)	524,003

Additional funds needed to purchase the VXRail (virtualization) infrastructure system that will streamline IT operations and lower capital and operational costs. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**.
6A. Clerk's Report:
18-133 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-30, Oakwood Special Assessment District which was introduced at the Council meeting of April 2, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**.
6B. Treasurer's Report: None.
7. Public Comment: None.
8. Unfinished Business: None.
9. New business: None.
10. Communication:
Councilman Wadsworth spoke about the May 11th Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser with proceeds to go to the Romulus Animal Shelter.
18-134 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to pay Warrant 18-07 in the amount of $1,287,928.73. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 9, 2018.

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BELLEVILLE - CANTON

8th Annual Acts of Culture Week planned

Canton will once again focus a spotlight on arts and culture during the 8th annual Canton Acts of Culture Week. This special week, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, will begin on Saturday, May 12 and continue through Sunday, May 20, at various community locations.

Some of the goals of Acts of Culture Week include: showcasing community cultural resources and partnerships; celebrating diverse cultural offerings; raising awareness of arts accessibility; instilling an appreciation of local arts organizations; and promoting the arts and heritage in and around the Canton community. In celebration of the arts, a variety of events are planned, including:

May 8: D&M Art Studio will offer a free outdoor painting class on the lawn of the Cherry Hill School, located at 50440 Cherry Hill Road. Participants must register in advance via email to jprovenzano@canton-mi.org or by calling (734) 394-5497.

May 12: Tim Kubart, 2016 Grammy Award Winner for 'Best Children's Album' and host, producer, and writer for Sprout Channel 'Sunny Side Up,' performs interactive original songs and stories. It's a dance party from beginning to end at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

May 14: Summit Spring Art Exhibition will once again brighten the lobby of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton, from Monday, May 7, through Sunday, May 14. More than 40 works will be on exhibit. A cookie reception is planned from 6-7 p.m. Sunday, May 14. These paintings, which are also available for purchase, have been created by the students and instructors of Canton Leisure Services Enrichment Watercolor I, Watercolor II and Oil & Acrylics classes. This exhibit is free and open to the public during normal Summit on the Park business hours. For additional information, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.summitonthepark.org.

May 17 - 20: Spotlight Players present 'Heaven Help Me' at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Watch as the three surviving Holloway brothers face a dilemma. Their string of casual eateries are losing money and in order to save the family business, oldest brother Sam wants to sell the only remaining joint property, a valuable waterfront house in Rockaway Beach, N.Y. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

May 18: Acts of Fashion 2018, features a fashion-filled event that includes a fashion runway show and shopping experience, showcasing fashions from Metro-Detroit designers and boutiques, while also including special performances by local and national talent. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

May 19: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools 10th annual K-12 Art Show will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Plymouth High School cafeteria, 8400 Beck Road. Stop in to enjoy more than 2,000 pieces of student artwork.

May 20: Art lovers can enjoy a special Coffee & Culture Walking Tour of the Canton DIA Inside|Out program, featuring reproductions of artworks on loan from The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) on display in the Village District. This free walking tour will examine a few of the 10 high-quality reproductions of masterpieces on display outdoors this spring in Canton. This tour is sponsored by Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea.

May 20: Canton Concert Band presents "Silver Screen Soundtracks," at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The talented musicians will take audiences on a special adventure of movie music, featuring songs from the silver screen. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

The Canton Public Library will also be hosting a variety of storytimes and programs during Canton Acts of Culture. Find the complete calendar of the 8th annual Canton Acts of Culture Week events online at www.cantonfun.org.

For more information on this Canton community celebration, call (734) 394-5360.

Tow truck driver accused of theft

A Belleville tow truck driver is facing two felony charges stemming from an auto crash last year.

Joel Leys, 31, of Belleville is charged with three counts of illegal use of a financial transaction device. Those charges stem from a rollover one-car accident with took place May 13, 2017 on northbound I-275 and West Huron Drive in Romulus. The driver, 21-year-old woman from Erie, PA, was ejected from the vehicle and comatose when she was transported to University of Michigan Hospital. She remained in a coma until her death May 18, 2017 due to her injuries.

Michigan State Trooper Michael Kane from the Metro South Post responded to the initial accident scene. The family of the deceased driver contacted him on the day of her death when they discovered her checking account was being drained by an unknown individual.

The trooper began tracking the purchases and found several illegal transactions including one from a pizza shop near the tow yard that sent a truck to remove the victim's vehicle from the scene of the crash. Kane made contact with the pizza shop and discovered the nearby address where the pizza had been delivered. A check of the address revealed that an employee of the towing company was the resident.

Kane and other state police personnel obtained search warrants for car insurance information, phone records, and ticket information from Michigan International Speedway, where the purchases had been made on the deceased woman's credit card. The car insurance premium, which was paid for with the victim's bank card, was in the tow truck driver's name as was an admission ticket to the speedway. The phone number used to make the pizza order also came back to the same tow yard employee.

Troopers determined that the tow yard employee removed the victim's bank card from her purse, which was inside the vehicle the date of the crash, according to a statement from the state police.

A warrant request was submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor Aug. 20, 2017. A two-count felony warrant for illegal use of credit card was authorized.

Kane arrested Keys without incident the same day. He was arraigned April 19 on three counts of illegal use or sale of a financial transaction device. Each charge is punishable by up to four years in prison.

Joel Leys

Top dog

Canton Public Safety welcomed a new officer recently with the arrival of Ofc. Hank, a 21-month-old German shepherd who arrived in the United States last October from his birthplace in Jessen, Germany. Hank underwent rigorous training to become a full-fledged service patrol canine and is now certified by both the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers and K9 ATF in narcotic detection, tracking, obedience, article searches, area searches, and handler protection. Hank loves all of the attention he receives when he comes to work and also enjoys his hobbies which include playing with his dog toys, hanging out in his patrol car and listening to country music.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 17 2018 for the following:

LIQUID CALCIUM CHLORIDE DUST CONTROL APPLICATION

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

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Wayne - Westland

School district plans bond issue, realignment

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Shelley Holt has a clear message for voters this November.

"It has to (pass) in order for us to provide raises. It's not just teachers, it's across the board," said Holt of a bond issue, noting staffers have gone without raises for years and lack pay parity with neighboring districts.

"The bond issue is critical to maintain our way of life," Holt said. She noted that unlike other districts, Wayne-Westland hasn't privatized services such as busing, food, and custodians.

Those staffers live in greater numbers in Wayne-Westland district boundaries, she said, noting employing local residents is key.

"There are huge issues."

Holt explained the infrastructure needed for a personalized curriculum includes strong internet access.

"We have to have an infrastructure to support that," the superintendent said. Bond approval by voters will allow spending on staff salaries and raises "to truly put the public education at the forefront."

"We are going to have to close schools," explained Jenny Johnson, district director of communications. Adams, Franklin, Marshall, and Stevenson are all former middle schools on the possible closure list; Adams and Marshall currently house fifth and sixth grades while Franklin and Stevenson currently house seventh and eighth grades, she said.

At the April 9 meeting, members of the Board of Education unanimously voted to reconfigure schools into K-5, 6-8, and grades 9-12. District leaders are working with Plante Moran Cresa on recommended closures. The new configuration could start with the 2019-20 school year at the earliest, or the following school year.

Johnson emphasized the specific decisions will include committee input from parents, staff, community members and students working with the board of education members. "We're really trying to make sure our high school students have a voice. We are not closing a high school," including the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, Johnson said.

"Chances are we'll have to do some redistricting," Johnson said. The goal is as much as possible to have students transition three times, from kindergarten to the same middle school and then with peers onto high school.

"That's our goal because kids do better when they can stay. It gives continuity," Johnson said.

> *We want everybody who possibly has an interest to be on a committee.*

This month, the district chief financial officer is sending bond language to the state, with a school board resolution then needed. In 2008, Wayne-Westland closed six buildings and went to the current configuration.

Johnson noted the previous 1998 bond means those purchases are 20 years old. The CFO, Plante Moran Cresa and financial advisers will determine the bond amount and information will be shared with the voters this summer.

"We want everybody who possibly has an interest to be on a committee," said Johnson. The newly restructured Office of Academic Excellence focuses on "competency-based learning for our students," said Johnson.

It goes beyond textbook selection into best classroom settings.

Bond money legally must go to update and renovate school buildings, as well as buy and fix buses. Buildings must be at 85 percent capacity "to qualify to even ask for a bond," said Johnson, noting many aren't now.

She emphasized that classrooms won't be overcrowded with the CFO required to give enrollment data now as well as projected data for five years from now. Cost savings are estimated at more than $1.8 million annually, centered on transportation, utilities, and staffing.

Of staffing, Johnson said district leaders hope "through retirements and that we will be fine," rather than layoffs. That's based on two fewer elementary schools, with one less upper/middle school in the configuration.

Johnson agreed that students often do just fine with a building change.

"Yes, I absolutely think that. In 2008, my child's school was affected. It was fine. From personal experience, yes, absolutely," she said. Her son, who was at Madison then, graduated from John Glenn High and is in college studying international business.

"He did fine and even mom survived," Johnson added with a smile.

At an April 19 Westland Rotary meeting, Holt also touched on staff development issues. "I have brilliant people who have not been able to capitalize on their brilliance," she said.

Holt said that she is pleased with starting to address that with staff and others, as well as community partners to meet student and family needs. "We don't have a choice but to pass it (the bond issue). I hate to think of the choices I would have to make along with the board of education."

Johnson said that two new district positions, Family and Community Engagement supervisors, partner with: a community organization; a financial institution or organization; and a church or other faith-based institution.

"Would you like to come in and read to kids?" often gets people into schools, Johnson said, benefiting students and adults. "They realize there are ways for them to contribute."

At the April 9 school board meeting, Treasurer Tom Buckalew said, "We have much work to do. But I have faith we're going to move in that direction." He noted funding gaps have hit Wayne-Westland especially hard.

"We all know that buildings and buses are not our district," said board member David Cox, who praised a Plante Moran audit. "Here we are on time and more important, a unified board," he said.

Trustee Frederick Weaver noted, "We must have support of the parents at home as well."

Library millage to be on August ballot in Wayne

Wayne voters will be asked to double the amount they pay to support the local library on the August ballot.

Members of the Wayne City Council agreed to place a request for 1 additional mill on the Aug. 7 primary election ballot. If approved, officials said, the additional millage would cost average homeowners in the city about $35 on the winter tax bills.

Library officials said that the facility has been severely impacted with the economic downturn in the community. Library Director Steven McGladdery told the city council members that while the 1 mill currently levied to support the city library formerly generated about $750,000 in funding, it is now providing only about $350,000. He added that the library pays $50,000 of that amount to the city for administrative fees.

If approved by voters, the additional 1 mill tax would expire in 10 years.

McGladdery said that the additional funding would allow the library to restore hours at the facility which is now only available 31 hours a week over five days. He also said the millage would allow for more staffing at the library allowing for more accessibility.

President of the library board of directors Ed Marman told the council members and audience that while the additional millage would not allow the library to restore the hours it was previously open, it would allow the facility to increase hours.

He said that people are interested in using the library in the evenings and Sundays, hours that are unavailable under the current financial restrictions.

The library officials also discussed the reinstatement of the volunteer program at the library, which requires staff supervision, adding more computers and WiFi and new copiers should the millage be approved by voters.

Marman said that a campaign committee would be formed to promote the millage and would distribute information about the ballot proposal.

He said that the campaign committee is "ready to roll."

The motion to place the 1-mill library funding question on the ballot was approved by a unanimous vote of the council members.

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1. Obituaries

Pauline (Kenemuth) Reichard , 92, died Feb. 15, 2018.

Among her survivors are her children Nola (David) Soper of Houston, TX; Donna (Gary) Westby of Clinton Township and Dean Reichard (Ivan Davila) of Takoma Park, MD; grandchildren, Joshua and Ryan Westby; Erica (Soper) Smith and Ellen (Soper) Mercado, and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Linda (Dennis) Bowser of Clarion, PA, four nieces and nephews, and seven great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to her parents Alfred "Pete" Kenemuth and Olive (Fye) Kenemuth, Mrs. Reichard was preceded in death by her loving husband Donald E. Reichard, her brother, Gail Kenemuth and her sister, Ruth Kenemuth.

Mrs. Reichard was raised on a Pennsylvania farm, graduated from Ashland Township High School, where she met, and later married Donald E. Reichard and moved briefly to Washington State while her husband served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, then to Michigan to raise their family. Mrs. Reichard was a wonderful wife, mother, neighbor, and friend to many, and she will be greatly missed by many friends and family, both close and extended. Many of her children's friends thought of her as a second mother. Mrs. Reichard was generous and compassionate, volunteering for charitable work through the FISH program and other programs of the First United Methodist Church of Wayne/Westland.

Education was very important to Mrs. Reichard. She inspired her children to get as much formal education as possible, encouraged piano lessons, marching band, and other musical endeavors, even tutored students in the Wayne/Westland school system and attended classes at Eastern Michigan University, until she learned that a third child was forthcoming. She was a ray of sunshine to everyone she met, never complaining to anyone about anything, even assuring her family that she "felt fine" until her final days.

A memorial service I planned at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne/Westland, located at 3 Town Square Wayne MI 48184, (734) 721-4801. Memorial contributions may be made to the FISH program, providing food to needy families in the Wayne/Westland community by mailing a check to the First United Methodist Church of Wayne/Westland at the address above with "FISH Program - Pauline Reichard memorial" in the memo line, to the Alzheimer's Association by visiting alz.org, or to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children, 26530 Eureka Road, Taylor, MI 48180 via mail or online at www.penrickton.com. To view the full obituary and share condolences or a memory, visit www.resurrectionfuneralhome.com

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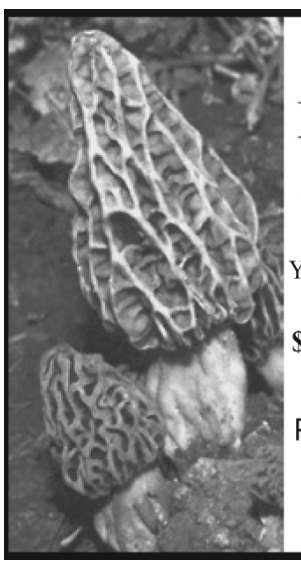

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Digging in

Members of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. celebrated Earth Day last week by planting 20 trees donated by Kankakee Nursery, one of Christensen's Plant Center suppliers in Plymouth. The trees were planted on the property of New Morning School in Plymouth. The club members were responding to the challenge of Rotary International President Ian Riseley to plant one tree for each member of the club in an effort to improve the environment and raise environmental awareness. Helping improve the environment through Rotary were: Sam Kennedy, Elaine Kennedy, Joe White, Kate Kerr and Zach and Carter Kennedy.

Bridges

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Whitney Lewis. Lewis avoided the MDOT report findings in his response.

"In terms of the Hines Drive bridges and inspections, yes bridges were closed for a scheduled detailed in-depth inspection and were deemed acceptable to be re-opened from the findings of that inspection with enforced weight restrictions," she said.

"These bridges will be consistently monitored by local police and our internal engineering teams to ensure safety and weight restrictions are followed. Future plans for the Hines bridges including reconstruction or a rebuilding project may be considered but is not currently being planned."

According to the National Academy of Engineering, a bridge is structurally deficient when it is in need of rehabilitation or replacement because at least one major component of the span has advanced deterioration or other problems that lead inspectors to deem its condition poor or worse.

The bridges were built in 1932 and are past their design life according to Wayne County Deputy Director of Roads Mike Gorman.

Vorva

FROM PAGE 1

free policies.

Vorva's also done extensive TV and YouTube work on science, technology, engineering and math and ways to make the world better. She's also worked on empowering girls and served on the board of directors for The Jane Goodall Institute. Goodall, whom she has met, remains one of her heroes and role models.

"This campaign is what really gave me my voice," she said. "We really got everyone involved," Vorva said.

"I didn't want to put a negative name on an organization that had taught me so much," she said of Girl Scouting, for which she developed a merit badge on the environment.

While visiting the United Nations, a woman on staff emphasized choosing words carefully. "It was an important lesson in diplomacy," she said. "You need to be more practical and figure out how you can build bridges. We definitely had a message that was heard around the world."

She advised the Rotary Club audience to heed young voices.

"Take that person seriously because we do have a fresh perspective."

Vorva is the daughter of Plymouth Township Clerk Jerry Vorva, a former state legislator, and doesn't discount politics in her future but isn't pursuing that path, but rather a career in environmental science.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise introduced Vorva, who has also been honored with the Girl Scout Silver and Gold awards, to the club.

"She is planning to pay it forward to the Plymouth community upon her return," Heise said. "I'm looking forward to hearing what she has to say."

Vorva has trained many students while she has traveled the world to raise awareness of the environment, although her upcoming graduate work at the prestigious University of Cambridge in England will be her first time in the United Kingdom.

Vorva's acceptance to study at Cambridge is dependent on financing for which she will be completely responsible.

The Noon Plymouth Rotary Club and Rotary Foundation have agreed to help fund a portion of Vorva's education at Cambridge.

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Plymouths schedule annual clean-up day

Residents in both the city and township of Plymouth can join in a little spring cleaning on May 12.

Spring Clean Up Day in the city has been set for Saturday, May 12 this year while township officials have set the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for the same date.

Spring Clean Up in the city is the annual collection day when residents can dispose of extra items and especially large items at no additional cost. Spring Clean Up is for household disposal, not contractor disposal, officials stressed.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will take place in the parking lot of USA Hockey Arena at 14900 Beck Road, and is open to Plymouth Township residents only. Photo identification will be required, officials said.

Common household items that will be accepted at the event include: computer equipment, batteries, TVs, VCRs, DVRs, game consoles, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, paints and stains, fluorescent light tubes, gasoline, oil, pesticides, fertilizers, syringes and non-controlled prescription medicines.

Items that cannot be accepted include: Ammunition, fireworks, tires, appliances, items containing PUBs, and radioactive devices.

City Officials noted that Spring Clean Up Day will not interrupt the regular weekly trash and recycling pick up.

Residents are cautioned not to place the brown automated trash cart out at the curb for Spring Clean Up as the non-automated trucks cannot empty them. No recycling or compost pick up will occur on Spring Clean Up Day.

Each household is allowed eight trash cans or the equivalent, plus two large items such as a washer, dryer, couch or desk as examples, according to information provided by the city.

All small refuse must be placed in containers strong enough to hold the weight such as plastic bags, cans or boxes. Containers must weigh less than 50 pounds.

Appliances containing Freon such as refrigerators, freezers, water coolers, air conditioners or dehumidifiers must have a valid certificate of Freon removal attached to the appliance. Residents should contact any heating and cooling company for this service, a city spokesman said. It is against the law to place a refrigerator at the curb without removing the doors, she added.

All items to be collected must be placed at the curb in a neat and safe manner as not to pose any danger to the collectors or other residents.

All trash must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on May 12 or it may not be picked up. The city has requested that no materials be placed at the curb more than 24 hours in advance of Spring Clean Up Day.

Items that will not be picked up on Spring Clean Up Day include; tires; concrete or other major construction debris; auto parts; piles of dirt and/or sod; extremely large items (e.g., boats, cars, engines, motorcycles, snowmobiles, pianos, etc.); hazardous materials (e.g., gasoline, fuel or motor oil, paint thinners, pesticides and medical waste.

For more information, contact the Plymouth Department of Municipal Services at (734)453-7737 or at dms@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Due to the cost of disposal of hazardous waste, which is approximately $33.50 per vehicle, township officials are urging residents to 'buddy up' with neighbors to bring hazardous waste to the hockey arena. For example, one vehicle delivering for four households will save township taxpayers $100 and will help provide this service again next year.

Please contact the township Solid Waste Department at (734) 414-1452 for more information regarding acceptable items.

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Calendar of events

Register for golf outing

The Westland Chamber of Commerce and The Westland Community Foundation are now accepting registrations for the Golf Classic set for May 22 at Salem Hills Golf Club in Northville.

The event is co sponsored by Michigan Chiropractic Specialists and WCA Assessing and usually sells out.

There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and a scramble format. There are rates for single players and foursomes available which include breakfast; 18 holes of golf with a cart; lunch; beer and pop on the course; dinner with an open bar and a $20 gift certificate at Salem Hills, along with multiple cash prizes.

Sponsorships are also available. To register, call (734) 595-7727.

Potters host spring sale

The Village Potters Guild members will host the Annual Spring Sale May 3 - 6. This Garden Sale will feature original handmade pottery from more than 20 artists all crafted in Plymouth.

The sale will continue from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 3; from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, May 4; from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday, May 5 and from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 6.

The sale will feature garden items, one-of-a-kind serving dishes and tableware as well as decorative items and sculpture. Some clearance items will be available.

The Potters Guild is located at 326 N. Main St. in Plymouth.

For more information call (734) 207-8807 or visit www.villagepottersguild.org

Farmers Market open Saturday

The Plymouth Community Farmers Market will open for the season from 6 a,m. until 1 p.m. this Saturday, May 5 at The Gathering and on Penniman near Kellogg Park. The market will be open Saturdays through Oct. 27.

Fresh produce, flowers, plants, herbs, baked goods, jams, jellies, honey, sauces, candles and soaps along with garden décor and other items will be for sale.

Inspire presents comedy

Inspire Theater will present Neil Simon's Laughter On The 23rd Floor at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday May 4, 5. There will be a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. May 6.

The production is a fictionalized look at the backstage chaos that went into producing one of the landmark television shows, The Max Prince Show.

The popular comedy-variety series is a major hit on the East Coast and the network insists that Prince dumb the show down for the rest of the country. As Prince begins to unravel, his writing staff spends time coming up with business or the show while hurling humorous expletives at each other and anyone else with earshot.

The show does contain some adult language and may not be suitable for all audiences.

Tickets for the show are $16 and can be purchased online at inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com.

The production will take place at the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road, Westland

For more information, call (734) 751-7057.

Blues at The Elks set

Blues @ The Elks takes place from 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a $5 donation at the door.

RJ Spangler will perform May 8 with the RJ's Blues Band with RJ on drums, Rusty Reed on guitar and vocals, Jimmy Alter also on guitar and vocals, and Dave Watson on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Church hosts Spring Bazaar

St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland will host the annual Spring Bazaar from noon until 5 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

There will be arts, crafts, baked good and flowers for sale and lunch will be available.

The church is located at 555 South Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

Vendor applications will be accepted through May 4.

For more information, call (734) 721-5023 between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Register for city-wide garage sale

Romulus will host the annual City-Wide Garage/Yard Sale this year on Thursday, May 17, Friday, May 18, Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20.

To participate, residents must register in the office of the city clerk.

For more information, call City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg at (734) 942-7540.

Rain dates will be May 24 through May 27.

Art and Garden Show set

The 5th Annual Art and Garden Show is planned for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. May 6 at Wagner's Homestead, 47947 W Huron River Dr. in Belleville.

The show marks the 60th year for the family-owned greenhouse business. Merchants will offer flowers and gifts from local artisans including hand-made baskets, unique jewelry, creative pottery, folk art and other paintings, homemade chocolates, children's knit sweaters and much more.

For more information, call (734) 699-9050.

Coffee With A Cop Tuesday

The Inkster Police Department will continue to host Coffee With A Cop at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Applewood Coney Island.

There is no agenda or speeches, just an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee with a local police officers, ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the neighborhood officers.

The restaurant is located at 28640 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

The next session is set for May 8.

Chicken Supper is served

Willow United Methodist Church will serve a Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. until sold out on Wednesday, May 9.

Carryout service begins at 4:30 p.m.

The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea or milk.

Dinners are priced at $10 per person or $5 for children 12 and younger.

The church is located at 36925 Willow Road in New Boston.

For more information, call (734) 654-9020.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The program will include a collection of some of the best 3D videos from stereographers from around the world. After a refreshment break, the final 3D image competition of the season is planned.

The meeting is open to the public at no cost. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3591.

Historic transit is topic

The Wayne Historic Museum will host a presentation about the streetcar system that served Detroit and surrounding towns including Wayne at 1 p.m. May 10.

The system saw multiple changes before it was cancelled in the 1920s.

The museum is located at 1 Towne Square, Wayne, Mi.

For more information, call Brenda Ozog (734) 674-9734

Bowling aids animal shelter

The 9-Pin No Tap Tournament bowling fundraiser for the Romulus Animal Shelter will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 at Romulus Lanes.

Registration for the 14th annual event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The $25 per person fee includes lades and men's mystery games, snacks and cash prizes. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Space is limited and only 72 registrations will be available.

For more information, call Romulus Lanes at (734) 941-1640, Councilman Bill Wadsworth, (734) 941-0616 or Joe Ozog, (734) 941-3466.

Library hosts book sale

The "Mother of all Book Sales" is planned for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12. Saturday will also be Bag Day when a full bag of books is $4.

Everything at the sale will be priced at 25 cents in recognition of Mother's Day.

The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Westland Library. The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Fire

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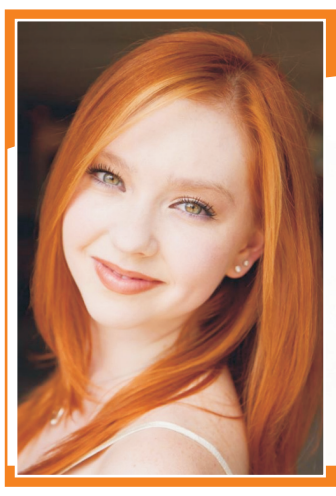
All those taken to the hospital for treatment of burns and smoke inhalation are expected to recover, officials said.

There was no estimate as to the number of complex residents who were displaced because of the fire.

Management at Woodland Villa issued a statement regarding the fire expressing sympathy for the residents.

"We are not able to comment on any pending investigations and are cooperating fully with the local authorities in their efforts. However, what we can say is that all of our residents who have been displaced have currently been checked into local hotels. We are working as hard as possible to allow residents that have been evacuated and not living in the impacted building back into their apartments," the statement read. "Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone involved," the statement concluded.

A GoFundMe page has been established to support the victims' families.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